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Safety Education for Children Camp Smokey at the State Fair

Sacramento- Kids of all ages and their parents are encouraged to stop by Camp Smokey at this year's California State Fair (located next to Building A). Smokey Bear, as well as firefighters and personnel from several fire agencies, will be on hand for the run of the fair teaching kids everything from fire prevention at home, to how to use 911, to what to do when they see a fire or find matches.

This multi-agency project consists of six small themed-buildings. Staff in each building teach a safety concept. Children are given a Smokey Bear passport that is stamped following completion of an activity at each of the buildings. When all the pages of the passport are stamped each child will receive a special Smokey Bear award.

"Camp Smokey reaches more than 15,000 kids each year," said Dick Hayes, CDF Public Education Chief. "It can often provide the first fire safety contact for a child, and every year many parents thank us for what we are doing out here."

When you visit Camp Smokey you will see staff from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, USDA Forest Service, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department. The project is also sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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